

SINKS PALACE

Swansea clinch marathon with a real stunner

Swansea 2, Crystal Palace 1
DAVID GILES returned to Ninian Park, Cardiff, last night to knock Crystal Palace out of the FA Cup with a brilliant second-half goal.

The all-action Giles, 5ft. 7in. of grit and trickery, who began his career with Cardiff, gave an outstanding display in this third-round second replay.

His goal, sensationally ending a five-hour marathon, gives Swansea a home tie against Reading in the fourth round.

As the players left the field, Palace's Ian Walsh was shown the red card for abusive language.

Palace survived a lively Swansea star, and quickly played their way back into the game.

Defender Jim Cannon went through unmarked on a pass from midfielder Gerry Murphy. He could have picked his spot from 12 yards, but instead lashed a right-foot shot over the bar.

Dave Swindlehurst tested Swansea goalkeeper Glan Letheran with a 20-yard drive before Palace took the lead in the 15th minute with a goal by centre-half Terry Boyle, a former Welsh youth international.

His effort was a real booster for the First Division side, who

pressed strongly for the rest of the first half.

In the second half Swansea pushed defenders forward and their efforts paid off when striker Robbie James equalised in the 53rd minute.

Skipper Jeremy Charles started the move with a powerful midfield run, before left back Dave Rushbury crossed for James to head in.

In a frenzied onslaught by Swansea, midfielder Tommy Craig hit the bar.

Palace were now in desperate straits and in the 70th minute they fell behind to a brilliant goal by Giles.

He went past two opponents in a dazzling 30-yard run before coolly picking his spot to beat Burridge.

By **TOM LYONS**



Palace's John Burridge is beaten by Robbie James for Swansea's first.

GORE BLIMEY!

By **JACK STEGGLES**

Chelsea 0, Wigan 1

WIGAN — famed mainly for a pier and Rugby League — showed last night they have a Soccer team to be proud of as well as they sensationally lumped Chelsea out of the FA Cup.

No one can claim they did not deserve their magnificent victory in icy conditions.

Wigan had to endure some anxious moments

Tommy's the destroyer of sad Chelsea

against the side taking the Second Division by storm. But they weathered them with great calmness.

Chelsea suffered a blow before the start when

skipper Mickey Droy and midfielder John Bumstead were ruled out with injuries.

England youth international Colin Pates stepped into Droy's defensive spot and Kevin Hales — 19 on Sunday — was given his first full senior game as Bumstead's replacement.

Chelsea went into the game as proud leaders of the Second Division. But the League's newest club impressed early on.

Wigan played with the confidence you would expect from a team unbeaten in their previous 13 games. And front men Peter Houghton and Derek Brownville were a constant threat.

Go ahead

Wigan got some reward for their enterprise by going ahead with a fine goal from Tommy Gore in the 40th minute.

He took a pass from the right, kept his feet perfectly on the slippery surface and left Peter Borota stranded with a delicate chip.

Chelsea's best efforts in a first half of remarkably good football came from Clive Walker — who had a header cleared off the line by David Fretwell — and a Tom Langley volley which was superbly saved by John Brown.



CHARLIE GEORGE

Charlie gets a life-line

By **DAVE HORRIDGE**

BRIAN CLOUGH yesterday offered Charlie George the chance to resurrect his career.

The Nottingham Forest manager agreed a £500,000 fee with Southampton — on condition that the former England striker proves his fitness during a month's loan period.

Snow made George late for an appointment with Clough last night. The deal is expected to go through today.

So Clough and George, two of the game's most talented and controversial characters, finally come together a year after Derby refused to sell the player to their former manager.

George, 29, went to Southampton

instead at £315,000 — and has had a frustrating time. Because of injury, he has played only thirteen games.

Clough said: "Obviously we must establish whether Charlie is fully fit. Nobody wants him to succeed more than I do, because he has tremendous ability."

The move for George confirms there will be no swap deal involving Martin O'Neill and Coventry's Mick Ferguson. Ferguson has lost the chance of a big pay day because he asked for more. He refused to move after the clubs agreed a deal a week ago. Then he changed his mind — and discovered Forest had too.

Now Coventry are set to bid around £400,000 for Willie Miller, Aberdeen's Scottish international midfielder.

RESULTS

FA CUP Third Round
CHELSEA 0 WIGAN 1
H-T: 0-1
(Wigan away to Everton in Fourth Round)

Third Round, Replays
MIDDLESBRO 3 PORTSMOUTH 0
Cochrane
Johnston
Armstrong
H-T: 1-0
(Middlesbrough away to Birmingham)

Third Round, Second Replay
SWANSEA 2 C. PALACE 1
James
Giles
H-T: 0-1
(at Ninian Park, Cardiff)

(Swansea home to Reading)
POSTPONED.—Bury v Rochdale (frost — playing tomorrow; winners home to Burnley); Fulham v Blackburn (frost — playing tonight, 7.30; winners home to Coventry).

THIRD DIVISION
POSTPONED.—Southend v Mansfield (frost).

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